

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, on February 5, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, Chair (R)
Rep. Virginia Court, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Alan Doane, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)
Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)
Rep. Clayton Fiscus (R)
Rep. Stephanie Hess (R)
Rep. Ellie Boldman Hill (D)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Sarah Laszloffy (R)
Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)
Rep. G. Bruce Meyers (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Andrew Person (D)
Rep. Keith Regier (R)
Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Matthew Monforton (R)
Rep. Randall Pinocci (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: McKenzie Chambers, Committee Secretary
Helen Thigpen, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 315, 1/29/2015; SB 50, 1/29/2015; SB 59, 1/29/2015

00:00:52 Chair J. Bennett
00:01:08 Rep. Pinocci joined the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 315

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:52 Rep. Bill Harris (R), HD 29, opened the hearing on HB 315, Revise the Montana Federal Mandates Act.

EXHIBIT(juh26a01)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:05:31 Derf Johnson, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:47 Rep. Kelker
00:07:25 Rep. Harris
00:08:17 Rep. Kelker
00:08:48 Rep. Harris
00:09:17 Rep. MacDonald
00:10:24 Rep. Harris
00:11:34 Rep. MacDonald
00:11:47 Rep. Harris
00:11:53 Rep. MacDonald
00:12:15 Rep. Harris

Closing by Sponsor:

00:13:00 Rep. Harris

HEARING ON SB 50

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:37 Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R), SD 7, opened the hearing on SB 50, Update laws on surreptitious viewing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:18:00 Jon Bennion, Deputy Attorney General/Legislative Liaison, Office of the Attorney General (AG), Department of Justice (DOJ)
00:21:17 Luke Berger, Deputy County Attorney, Lewis and Clark County
00:22:54 Larry Epstein, Montana County Attorneys Association (MCAA)
00:23:33 Robin Turner, Montana Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence (MCADSV)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:24:30 Rep. Regier
00:24:52 Jon Bennion, AG
00:25:19 Rep. Regier
00:25:35 Jon Bennion, AG
00:26:33 Rep. Wagoner
00:26:56 Jon Bennion, AG
00:27:51 Rep. Fiscus
00:28:23 Jon Bennion, AG

Closing by Sponsor:

00:29:01 Sen. Fielder

HEARING ON SB 59

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:30:10 Sen. Robyn Driscoll (D), SD 25, opened the hearing on SB 59, Clarify the court's consideration of the eligibility process.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:32:14 Bill Hooks, Chief Public Defender, Administration, Office of the State Public Defender (OPD)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:36:04 Rep. Hess
00:36:31 Bill Hooks, OPD
00:37:26 Rep. Doane
00:37:45 Bill Hooks, OPD

Closing by Sponsor:

00:39:42 Sen. Driscoll

00:40:30 Chair J. Bennett

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 00:42:17

McKenzie Chambers, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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